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Statement of Work
For
Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan
Environmental and Economic Equity Support
Growth Trends/Effects Urban Corridor

1.0 GENERAL

The Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) provides a blueprint for the restoration and preservation of the south Florida ecosystem, while providing for the other water-related needs of the region, including water supply and flood protection. This nationally and internationally known ecosystem that comprises south Florida has deteriorated significantly over the past 50 years, and the outlook for the future, without implementation of the Comprehensive Plan, shows further degradation. Water management practices have disrupted the natural quantity, quality, timing, and distribution of water to the natural system and the size of the remaining natural system has been substantially reduced as a result of development in south Florida

The purpose of the Environmental and Economic Equity (EEE) Program Management Plan (PMP) is to provide a framework for the social and economic (socio-economic) efforts that will accompany and support the implementation of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP), thus minimizing potential adverse impacts and maximizing both system-wide and project specific benefits. The plan includes six objectives:

1. Promote the economic equity throughout the life of the CERP through maximum utilization of socially and economically disadvantaged small business concerns and individuals in the performance of prime contract and subcontract awards.
2. Provide relevant, timely, valid, and reliable socio-economic and environmental justice baseline data for system-wide and project-specific assessments.
3. Institute the sensitivity for and the provision of environmental justice assessment procedures, according to NEPA guidelines, for all CERP project planning and decision making.
4. Provide overall guidance, support, and coordination for project-level activities on matters pertaining to socio-economic characteristics, assessments, and issues relating specifically to socio-economics and environmental justice.
5. Incorporate and utilize appropriate models, improved methods, and research in the subjects of demography, economics, land use, water use, water conservation, environmental justice, public involvement, and community-based planning to enhance decision-making both system wide and at the project level.

6. Evaluate and assess socio-economic parameters of the CERP through development of indicators and performance measures, periodic monitoring of with/without project condition, and the institution and utilization of quantitative and qualitative feedback mechanisms from within the CERP process and from the general public.

The CERP is aimed at “getting the water right” for restoration while providing for other benefits such as enhanced water supply and the maintenance of current flood protection levels of service. As the plan is implemented, it is important to understand its relative effects on the current and future land use trends including development and redevelopment trends. The goal of this task is to investigate whether CERP’s implementation will significantly modify or alter the current and future land use trends in urban development and redevelopment, in conjunction with the Eastward Ho! Initiative or other natural system-based land use initiatives.

2.0 TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

General Scope of Work

The technical and scientific work to be completed under this contract will support the Corps’ ongoing involvement with the EEE component of CERP. The Corps intends to issue a single contract under this procurement consisting of one element: 1) Growth Trends/Effects Urban Corridor.

Work Element 1: Growth Trends/Effects Urban Corridor

This task will describe the historical, current and future development/redevelopment trends in the lower east coast urban corridor, including the area delineated by the Eastward Ho! Initiative. The task will depict the past, current and future land use maps and zoning trends of the county comprehensive plans, including the cities in the corridor. Development and redevelopment trends such as spatial extent, increased densities, changes in housing stock and pricing, community character, and gentrification will also be described. Applicable Brownfields redevelopment trends will also be explored. This study shall identify the significant forces resulting in urban growth, development, and redevelopment in the urban corridor and assess the relative impact of the CERP (fiscal impacts, water supply, land use, etc.) to these trends within this context.

Primarily, this analysis is intended to identify if CERP land purchases in the lower east coast region have contributed to gentrification of the central urban corridor of housing stock that typically serves the poor. The CERP effects considered need not be limited to CERP land purchases in the western urban fringes, (i.e.: Water Preserve Areas) but should include availability of water and propensity for flooding.

The contractor will provide the following:

- Land use maps depicting past, current and future land use and zoning trends of the county comprehensive plans in the study area, including the cities in the corridor by county.
- Document depicting development and redevelopment trends including spatial extent, increased densities, changes in housing stock and pricing, community character and gentrification.
- Evaluate existing/applicable Brownfields redevelopment trends.
- Identify forces resulting in significant growth, development and redevelopment in the urban corridor.
- Assess the relative impact of CERP to growth/development trends.

3.0 DELIVERABLES

All deliverables must meet professional standards and meet the requirements set forth in contractual documentation. The contractor will be responsible for providing all deliverables specified. All reports shall be furnished in electronic and printed format. Electronic formats are MS Word 2000 or higher and Adobe Acrobat version 4.0 or higher or other software as specified by the Federal government. Each project shall have an electronic deliverable consisting of all submittals, deliverables, graphics, and final products as identified in the statement of work. The final electronic deliverable will also be provided in a pdf file format suitable for posting on a website.

4.0 SCHEDULE OF DELIVERABLES

The deliverables should be in the form of a technical report documenting the results of the findings. The contractor will have 120 working days after receipt of government furnished information and notice to proceed (NTP), to produce a draft for work element 1. The Corps/SFWMD will review the draft document over a 20 working day review period. The contractor will have 10 working days to incorporate comments and finalize the document. Final reports will be due no later than October 30, 2002.

5.0 REQUIRED EXPERTISE

To be considered for contract award, the contractor shall show expertise in the following areas:

- Urban land development,
- Land development and banking,
- Mass transit planning,
- Knowledge of regulations affecting urban development,
- Knowledge of local economic development approaches and programs,
- Knowledge of state and federal business development programs.

6.0 POINT OF CONTACT

The point of contact and coordinator for this Scope of Work and receiver of all final deliverables will be Mr. Randy Edney, CESAJ-DR-R (561) 683-1577, ext. 14 at the Restoration Program Office, 1400 Centerpark Blvd., Suite 750, West Palm Beach, FL 33401.